



# News Release

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## **Pasco massage therapist's license suspended on sexual misconduct charges**

**OLYMPIA** — State health officials have immediately suspended the license of Pasco massage practitioner Juan P. Ochoa (MA00024826) on charges of sexual contact with female patients.

Ochoa is awaiting trial for second-degree rape of a patient. Charges say Ochoa had nonconsensual sexual contact with a patient during a massage in April of 2012, using his fingers to penetrate her vagina and attempting to place her hand on his penis. He was investigated by the police for a similar incident in 2008, but criminal charges were not filed and no complaint was received by the Department of Health.

Ochoa has 20 days to respond to the charges and can't practice massage in Washington until the charges are resolved.

The charges can be seen online by clicking "Look up a health care provider" on the [Department of Health website](#); copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. That's also the number to call to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

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